

Lincoln Eliot – NECP

Work Plan and Timeline Considerations.

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Work Plan Introduction

We are pleased to report that the 687 Watertown Street site for NECP and the 150 Jackson Road site for Lincoln-Eliot have been confirmed and approved. The balance of funding for the feasibility work has also recently been approved by City Council, and the remaining phases of work are being scheduled.

Key tasks for feasibility work plan include traffic study, site survey, schematic options, and design development for NECP first followed by a similar sequence of key tasks for Lincoln-Eliot.

<u>Timeline</u>

The project team is considering two timeline versions: 1) the original with NECP finished for September 2021 and Lincoln-Eliot for September 2023, and 2) an expedited timeline with NECP finished for January 2021 with the potential for Lincoln-Eliot to finish by September 2022 (should the capital bonding schedule allow).

Expedited Timeline Considerations

After careful review and consideration, the School Department and working group believe an expedited schedule provides a number of potential advantages. These include:

- One full heating season versus two at 150 Jackson where there is a single boiler at risk of failure. The School Facility Department is very concerned about keeping the single boiler going through two heating seasons and have experienced numerous challenges including burst pipes, unit ventilator heating coil failures, and classroom relocations.
- The potential for a one year acceleration in the Lincoln-Eliot timeline.
- The avoidance of impact to the overall long-range facilities timeline.
- Potential cost savings on both projects given likely construction escalation.
- Additional benefit to both school communities relocating into updated facilities sooner.

Expedited Timeline Requires City Council Acceptance

Project readiness for site plan approval of the proposed future site for NECP at 687 Watertown Street by July 2019 requires a compressed series of meetings by City Committees charged with 5-58 site plan review and approval. The City Council and Council Committee Chairs will need to advise if they are comfortable with an expedited approach and able to meet the proposed draft schedule attached.